Australian Government

Qualifying Service Details

* Department of Veterans' Affairs

Partner/Widow(er) of Non-Pensioner Veteran or Mariner (Australian, Commonwealth or Allied)

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Please write in BLOCK LETTERS using a blue or black pen (not pencil). Please answer all questions as directed and sign the Declaration on page 3. Please write your name on the top of each page in case pages of this form become separated.

Ab	out you					
1.	Your surname					
2.	Your given name(s)					
3.	Your date of birth					
		Town State Country				
4.	Your place of birth					
5.	Your current residential address					
		Postcode				
6.	Have you lived at your current address for more than 12 months?	No Please provide your previous address below				
		Yes				
		Postcode If more than one address, please attach a separate sheet giving				
		other addresses				
7.	Your postal address					
	(If same as residential, write 'As Above')	Postcode				
-		Home Work				
8.	Your telephone numbers					
9.	Have you ever served as a member of the Australian Defence Force?					
		Yes - Has your qualifying service been determined?				
		Yes Your DVA file number <i>(if known)</i>				
Ab	oout the veteran or mariner					
	Surname					
11.	Given name(s)					
12.	DVA file number (if known)					
13.	Service number (if known)					
14.	Date of birth	/ /				
		Town State Country				
15.	Place of birth					

The following questions should be answered in respect of a VETERAN. Please fill in as much as you can.

About the veteran's service (for a Mariner go to question 19)

16. In which branch(es) of the armed forces did the veteran serve?

Country of foreco	Branc		forces (please tick)		
Country of forces	Army	Marines	Navy	Air Force	Other (please specify)

17. Details of enlistment and discharge (if unsure of exact dates, give approximate dates if known)

Place of enlistment			
Date of enlistment		1	
Place of discharge			
Date of discharge	/	1	

18. Where and when did the veteran serve? (if unsure of exact dates, give approximate dates if known)

Period served (approximate if unsure)					Country or area	
From	/	1	to	/	/	
From	/	1	to	/	/	
From	/	/	to	/	/	

The following questions should be answered in respect of a MARINER. Please fill in as much as you can.

About the mariner's service during the Second World War

19. List all countries in whose merchant navy the mariner served

20. Please give details of the mariner's merchant navy service during the Second Wprld War

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Ships name			
Port or country of registration			
Port engaged			
Date engaged	1 1	1 1	1 1
Port discharged			
Date discharged	/ /		
Ports of call			
Purpose of voyage (e.g. Aust. or foreign trading, troop or supply transport, tugging, salvage)			

About the veteran or mariner

21. Please provide any other information which you think may assist in determining the veteran's/mariner's qualifying service, including details of any danger incurred from hostile enemy forces during service.

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Attachments

- 22. To help the Department to make a decision quickly, please attach to this form any official papers you have which give details about the veteran's/mariner's service, such as:
 - · Certificates for the award of Campaign Stars/Medals etc
 - Statement of Service
 - Discharge Certificate
 - · Certificate of Employment on Merchant Vessels

We will return the papers as soon as possible by certified mail.

If the papers are not in English, please provide a certified English translation.

Please note

The Department will NOT accept responsibility for any action taken (e.g. early retirement) in anticipation of being eligible for a service pension. Even if it is determined that the veteran/mariner had qualifying service, you will need to satisfy other eligibility requirements such as age, residency and the income and assets tests. It is advisable to have your eligibility confirmed in writing before you retire.

Declaration

- · I declare that the information I have given in this form is complete and correct.
- I authorise the Department of Veterans' Affairs to obtain from other organisations any information that is required to determine qualifying service for the veteran/mariner.
- I consent to the disclosure by other organisations of any information required by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to determine the veteran's/mariner's qualifying service.
- To my knowledge the veteran/mariner never at any time served with a force or on a vessel that was at war with Australia, nor ever assisted such a force.
- I declare that my purpose in applying for a determination of the veteran's/mariner's qualifying service is to determine my claim for a Partner Service Pension.

Your signature				
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If the claimant is unable to sign this form:

- sign the form on behalf of the claimant;
- complete the details on the next page for you to act on behalf of the claimant.

Authority to act on behalf of the clai Details of person acting on behalf of the c		claimant is unable to act on their own behalf
Your surname		
Your given name(s)		
Your current residential address		
		Postcode
	Home	Work
Your telephone numbers	()	()
Your relationship to the claimant		
Your signature		
Date		